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Applicant: Patricia Preikschat et al.
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AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING IT
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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please further amend the application prior to its examination as follows. The \$378.00 extra claim fee ^{has already been paid} ~~is enclosed~~.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

At page 6 line 36, delete "in %".

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add new claims 58-119 as follows.

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- 1 58. A conversion layer comprising chromium(III), said
2 conversion layer being chromium(VI)-free, said conversion layer
3 being a substantially coherent conversion layer on zinc or a zinc
4 alloy, wherein even in the absence of silicate, cerium, aluminum
5 and borate said conversion layer presents a corrosion protection
6 of about 100 to 1000 h in the salt spray test according to DIN
7 50021 SS or ASTM B 117-73 until first attack according to DIN

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